Tennessee Volunteer Emission Reduction Strategy (TVERS)

TVERS is an emissions reduction plan currently being developed by TDEC, with input from diverse, multidisciplinary stakeholders across the state. Through this planning process, TDEC will develop reports that include a greenhouse gas inventory, specific measures to reduce emissions, and quantified emissions data.

PHASE 1: PLANNING

SPRING 2023

Program Announced by EPA:

- States and specified metro areas were eligible for allocated planning funding.
- TDEC submitted a Notice of Intent to Participate and has begun work on the key deliverables discussed below.

MARCH 2024

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP):

- Develop simplified greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and quantified priority measures to reduce emissions and air pollutants.
- Analysis of emission reductions that would be achieved through implementation.

SUMMER 2025

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP):

- Identify significant GHG sources/sinks and sectors present in the state.
- Establish emission reduction goals.
- Provide strategies and identify measures to achieve those goals.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

TDEC will host public and stakeholder meetings in Fall 2023 to collect feedback.

TDEC is working with other entities to collect information about existing programs and initiatives.

TDEC has established an advisory committee of diverse stakeholders to provide enhanced insight and broaden our reach.

TDEC is coordinating with the three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) that also received funding through the CPRG program: Nashville, Memphis, and Knoxville.

PHASE II: IMPLEMENTATION



Provides competitive funding to implement measures in the PCAP. All measures included in the PCAP should be eligible for funding.



EPA anticipates awarding grants between \$2 million and \$500 million.



Final details will be released in September 2023, with applications due in April 2024.

ABOUT EPA'S CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS (CPRG) PROGRAM

The CPRG program provides grants to governmental entities to develop and implement plans to reduce emissions and air pollution. The program was established as a \$5 billion investment in the Inflation Reduction Act. The program is funding \$250 million in noncompetitive planning grants and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.

